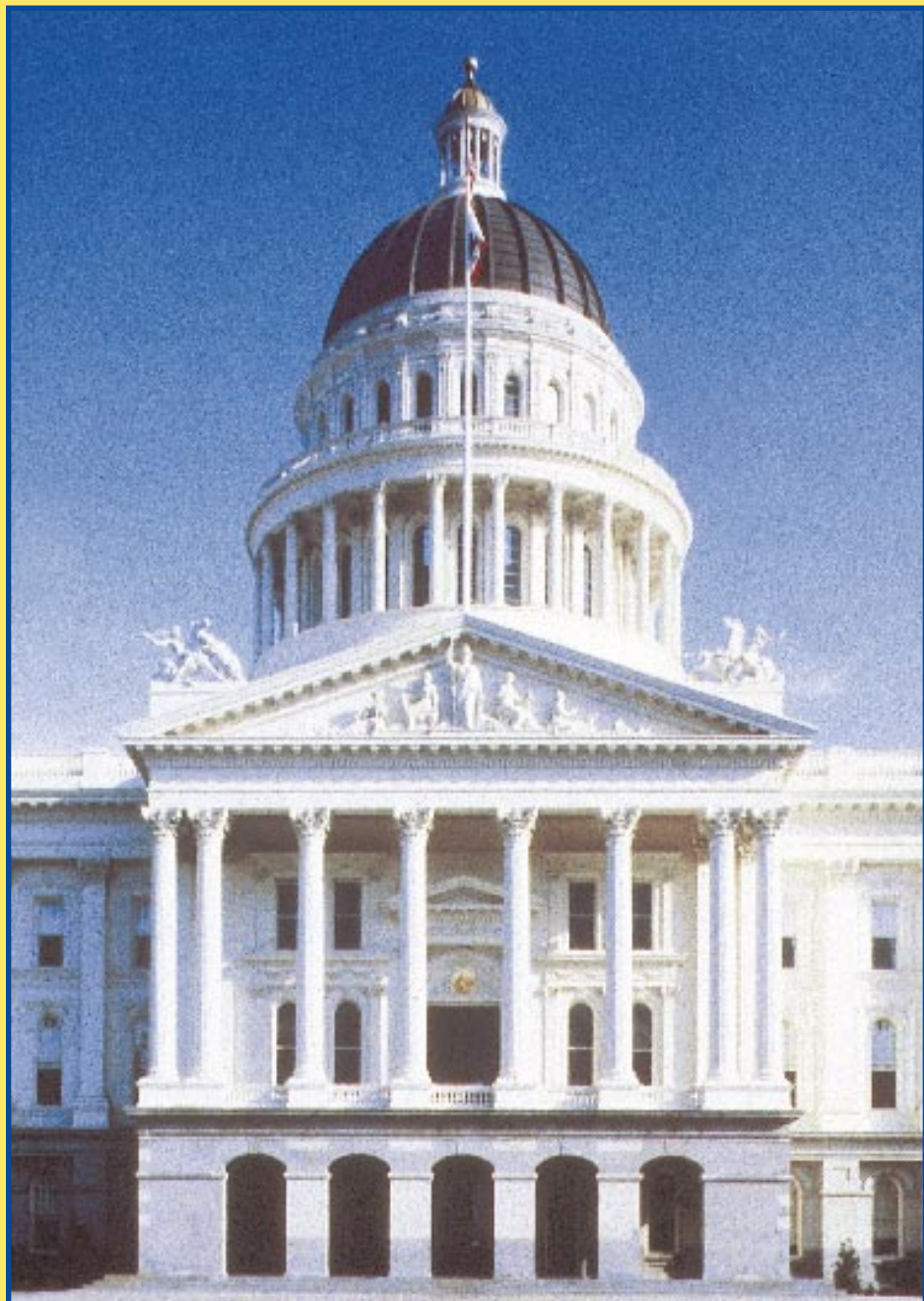


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Preface

California's Legislature is regarded as one of the most authoritative and detailed sources on our state's legislative branch of government. It has long been utilized as a resource by scholars, citizens, elected officials, legislative staff and other students of the governmental process. This publication was last updated in June of 1994. Since then the make up of California government has experienced a wide array of changes that are incorporated into this edition.

A publication of this magnitude could not have been completed without the tireless dedication of several individuals on my staff, including Larry Murman, Assistant Chief Clerk; Brian S. Ebbert, chief editor and Principal Clerk; Melissa Swart-Weikel, Assistant Clerk II; Stephen J. Greene, former Assistant Clerk. I also wish to thank my colleague Greg Schmidt, Secretary of the Senate, and his staff as well as Celeste Cron, the State Printer, for their assistance.

This year's edition contains over thirty newly added pages of text, charts and historical photographs. In addition, over one thousand footnotes as well as hundreds of code citations and court cases were updated.

We hope you find this edition of *California's Legislature* to be a useful tool in helping you better understand state government and in particular the legislative process.

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Jan. 1957–May 1969



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May 1969–Feb. 1970



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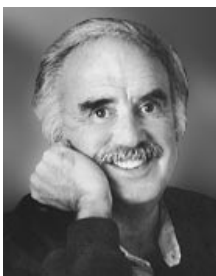
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A Quick Information Guide

GENERAL INFORMATION

State Capitol.....	Sacramento
Date California Admitted as a State	September 9, 1850
State Motto.....	“Eureka” (Greek: “I have found it ! ”)
Population ¹	32,268,301
Number of Registered Voters ²	14,029,408
Population Density ³	188 people/sq. mi.
Land Area (includes 2,674 sq. mi. of inland water)	158,648 sq. mi.
Highest Elevation (feet above sea-level).....	14,495 ft. (Mount Whitney)
Lowest Elevation (feet below sea-level)	282 ft. (Death Valley)
Total Number of Counties	58
Five Largest Cities (by population) ⁴	
Los Angeles.....	3,553,638
San Diego	1,171,121
San Jose	838,744
San Francisco	735,315
Long Beach	421,904
Five Largest Counties (by population) ⁵	
Los Angeles	9,127,751
San Diego	2,655,463
Orange	2,636,888
Santa Clara	1,599,604
San Bernardino	1,598,358
Five Largest Counties (by square miles)	
San Bernardino	20,061
Inyo	10,192
Kern	8,141
Siskiyou	6,287
Fresno	5,963

GOVERNMENTAL/POLITICAL INFORMATION

FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

Members of Congress	
Representing California ⁶	54
U.S. Senators Representing California.....	2
People Represented in	
Each Congressional District	574,000

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GOVERNMENTAL/POLITICAL INFORMATION—continued

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Number of Statewide Elective Officers	13 (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Board of Equalization (4), Insurance Commissioner)
Term Limits for Statewide Officers.....	2 four-year terms

STATE JUDICIARY

Number of Justices on State Supreme Court	7
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STATE LEGISLATURE

Number of Members, California Legislature	120 (80 Assembly/40 Senate)
Length of Assembly Term	2 years
Length of Senate Term	4 years
Term Limits on State Legislators ⁷	Assembly: 3 two-year terms Senate: 2 four-year terms
People Represented in Each Assembly District	373,000
People Represented in Each Senate District	746,000

LEGISLATIVE VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Vote Requirement to Pass Statutes	Majority (41 Assembly/21 Senate)
Vote Requirement to Pass Appropriations, Budget, Constitutional Amendments, and Urgency Bills	Two-thirds in each House (54 Assembly/27 Senate)
Veto Override Vote Requirement.....	Two-thirds in each House (54 Assembly/27 Senate)
Ratification of Amendment to U.S. Constitution.....	Majority vote of each House (by Joint Resolution)

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A Quick Information Guide — Continued

GOVERNMENTAL/POLITICAL INFORMATION—continued

MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

Impeachment Power	Assembly indicts, drafts “articles of impeachment,” and elects “managers” to prosecute; Senate tries and votes on impeachment.
Legislative Publications	Daily File Weekly History Daily Journal
Non-Member Officers of Legislature	Chief Clerk of Assembly Secretary of Senate Sergeant-at-Arms (in each House) Chaplain (in each House)
Motto of State Assembly	Legislatorum Est Justas Leges Condere (Latin: “It is the duty of Legislators to make just laws.”)
Motto of State Senate	Senatoris Est Civitatis Libertatem Tueri (Latin: “It is the duty of a Senator to guard the liberty of the Commonwealth.”)

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES

ANNUAL SALARIES OF ELECTED STATEWIDE OFFICERS ⁸

Governor	\$165,000
Lt. Governor	\$123,750
Attorney General	\$140,250
Secretary of State	\$123,750
Controller	\$132,000
Treasurer	\$132,000
Superintendent of Public Instruction	\$140,250
Insurance Commissioner	\$132,000
Members, Board of Equalization	\$123,750

¹ California has the largest population of any state. U.S. Census Bureau estimate, released 12-31-97.

² Secretary of State, February 1995.

³ U.S. average population density is 69 people/square mile.

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, Nov. 18, 1997 estimate.

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau, Mar. 20, 1997 estimate.

⁶ U.S. Representatives serve 2-year terms; U.S. Senators serve 6-year terms.

⁷ Although term limits for Members of Congress were approved by California voters in 1992 (Proposition 164), the U.S. Supreme Court in 1995 invalidated state-imposed term limits on Congressional representatives.

⁸ Salaries effective December 1, 1998. See page 84 for legislators’ salaries. See page 75 for Congressional salaries.



Capitol grounds, circa 1890.
(photo taken from hot air balloon)

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The footnotes in this work contain the following abbreviations to legal reference materials:

U.S.—United States Reports (published opinions of the United States Supreme Court)

F. 2d—Federal Reporter, Second Series (published opinions of U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal)

U.S.C.A.—United States Code Annotated

Fed. Reg.—Federal Register

Cal.—California Reports (published opinions of the California Supreme Court; inclusion of a number denotes subsequent series, i.e., Cal. 2d denotes California Reports, Second Series)

Cal. App. 2d—California Appellate Reports, Second Series (published reports of California Courts of Appeal; also, Cal. App. 3d)

Op. Att'y Gen.—California Attorney General Opinions

P.—Pacific Reporter (published opinions from courts of the pacific region; also, P. 2d)

A. 2d—Atlantic Reporter, Second Series (published opinions from atlantic region courts)

Pa., Okl.—Pennsylvania and Oklahoma Reports, respectively (court opinions from Pennsylvania and Oklahoma state courts)

For convenience, references to the California Constitution of 1879 are cited "*Constitution*," while the federal document is identified as "*United States Constitution*."

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